



**Department of
Environmental
Conservation**

NYSDEC
Invasive Species Coordination Section
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-4250

Date of Notice: May 26, 2016

Dear Riparian Property Owner/User:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) proposes to conduct an application of the aquatic herbicide endothall (Aquathol K) to control the growth of the highly invasive aquatic plant species *Hydrilla verticillata* in the Croton River. Hydrilla is a federally listed noxious weed and a prohibited species in New York. We have chosen a method of herbicide application that will minimize the amount of herbicide needed and will carefully monitor its concentration throughout the Croton River during the week of treatment. In addition, aquatic plants will be monitored for impacts. We are also working closely with NYSDEC Region 3 Bureau of Fisheries to ensure that habitat impacts are minimal and temporary.

We anticipate the application to occur for two to three days to be scheduled between early July and early August 2016 and will proceed only after our contractor obtains an herbicide application permit from the NYSDEC. Prior notification of the dates of application will be provided by mailing and posting of shoreline in the affected area. SOLitude Lake Management, a licensed application company in the State of New York (#16506) will be applying the herbicide.

As an affected riparian owner/user, you have the right to consent or object to the restrictions of water use resulting from the proposed application. The water use restrictions associated with use of the above pesticides are listed below:

- Swimming and bathing are prohibited **for 24 hours** after treatment ends
- Fishing and/or fish consumption **is not prohibited**
- Livestock watering is prohibited **for 14 days** after treatment ends
- Irrigation or spraying of agricultural crops is prohibited **for 7 days** after treatment ends
- Use of potable water is **is allowed only when endothall concentration is less than 0.1 ppm**

Product labels are available for review on the SOLitude Lake Management website www.solitudelakemanagement.com/product-labels-new-york.

As a riparian owner/user, **you have twenty-one (21) days to respond to this notice**. If you would like to object to the proposed application(s), you must file a written document stating your objection to the proposed application. Your objection must demonstrate that your use of the water body will be significantly adversely affected.

If you do not respond to this notice, your lack of response will be considered to be consent to the proposed application. If you have any questions about the permitting process or objections to the proposed herbicide application please contact the DEC representative listed below.

Bureau of Pesticides
NYSDEC, Region 3
21 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, NY 12561-1696

If you need further information regarding treatments, or require hard copies of the product labels, please contact Catherine McGlynn, Aquatic Invasives Species Coordinator NYSDEC 518-408-0436 or SOLitude Lake Management at 908-850-0303 during business hours.